

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, with the following paragraph:

Many helical twisted wire brushes include a very large number of bristles captured between the helical segments of the wire forming the backbone of the brush. The bristles must be closely packed and captured between the first helical segment 14 and the second helical segment 16 of the stainless steel wire 12. This creates many constricted spaces and closely adjacent surfaces. These constricted spaces between adjacent bristles 30 at the point of capture between the adjacent first helical segment 14 and the adjacent second helical segment 48 16 create some of the smallest openings with adjacent surfaces in the brush. In the present invention, the bristle 30 surfaces in this tightly packed volume are antimicrobial providing antimicrobial properties at the position most difficult to clean and therefore most prone to problems.